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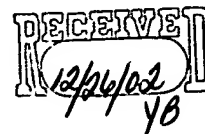
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RESPONSE

In response to the official action mailed 08/28/02, paper
 no. 5 in the above referenced case, please amend the application
 as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 4,

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of recognizing handwriting,
 comprising:
 obtaining a sample of handwriting;
 segmenting said sample into separate handwritten words; and
 attempting to recognize a whole handwritten word without
 attempting to recognize any individual letter of the whole
 handwritten word, by determining higher-profile features which

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